

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) A photosensitive data storage product comprising a material having discrete optical analog images in which each discrete optical analog image ~~forming~~forms a digital bit thereon ~~that can be read digitally~~, each discrete optical analog image ~~forming~~can be viewed optically and is created by exposure to light ~~using near field optics~~.
6. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 5 wherein the material further comprises a support structure having a photosensitive layer thereon.
7. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 6 wherein said photosensitive layer includes photochromic molecules.
8. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 6 wherein said photosensitive layer comprises a fluorescent material.
9. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 6 wherein said photosensitive layer comprises a silver halide emulsion.
10. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 5 wherein the digital bit is no greater than 500 microns.

11. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 6 wherein a protective layer is provided over said photosensitive layer.

12. (previously presented) The photosensitive data storage product according to claim 5 wherein said material comprises a disc.

13-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A storage device having a photosensitive layer capable of retaining discrete optical analog images thereon wherein discrete optical images are formed using near field optics and can be viewed optically, and wherein each of the discrete optical analog images ~~may be written as~~ comprises a digital bit that can also be read digitally.

23-26. (canceled)

27. (canceled)